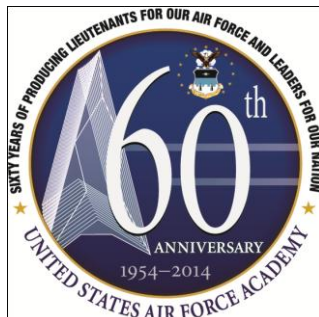


# ***FALCON FAMILY NEWS***

July 2014



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**USAFA'S PUBLIC CALENDER Link: (Managed by the Association of Graduates.)**

<http://www.usafa.org/Calendar/Events>

## **CLASS STATISTICS (as of 30 June 2014)**

Class Year	Men	Women	Total
2014	12	5	17
2015	683	187	870
2016	664	187	851
2017	831	251	1082
2018	942	264	1206
<b>WING</b>	<b>3132</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>4026</b>

❖ These numbers include international students.

## **THIS MONTH IN AIR FORCE ACADEMY HISTORY—HAPPY 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY—1 APRIL:**

1 July 1963 -- The Academy Council is created as the primary management tool. It consisted of the Dean of the Faculty, Commandant of Cadets, Director of Athletics, Cadet Registrar, and Chief of Staff, with the Superintendent as Chairman.

1 July 1980 -- The Air Force Academy joins the Western Athletic Conference, the first time a service academy is affiliated with a collegiate athletic conference. Academy women's teams received waivers from the WAC and the NCAA to continue at the Division II level until the end of the 1995-1996 season, when all women's teams moved to Division I.

2 July 1926 -- Congress passes the Army Air Corps Act. The law changed the name of the air service and provided for an Assistant Secretary of War of Air. This was another step toward a separate service, and then a separate academy.

8 July 1972 -- Steve Ritchie, Class of '64, shoots down two MiG-21s, his third and fourth kills en route to becoming the first Air Force Academy graduate pilot ace. He was the Air Force's only pilot ace of the Vietnam War.

9 July 1955 -- The Thunderbirds (U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron) makes its first Air Force Academy-related flight, at Lowry AFB, Colorado. The team also flew the next day at the Pikes Peak Air Rodeo, and on 11 July 1955 at the Academy dedication ceremony.

9 July 2010 -- Brigadier General Richard Clark, Class of '86, becomes the first African-American Commandant of Cadets.

12 July 2009 -- The Academy's Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) program begins. Four cadets were hand-picked to serve as the first cadre in the program. They spent time at Creech Air Force Base, Nevada, home to the MQ-1 Predator unmanned aerial vehicle. The Academy was the first service academy to begin a UAS program.

18 July 1976 -- Bob Nieman, Class of '70, becomes the first Academy graduate to compete in the Olympic Games. He competed in the Modern Pentathlon in Montreal, Canada, finishing 26th in the individual standings and fifth in the team event. He also competed in the 1988 Olympic Summer Games in Seoul, South Korea, 18-22 September 1988.

20 July 1969 -- The Apollo 11 lunar mission puts the first men on the moon. Approximately six hours after landing, Colonel Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin becomes the second man to walk on the moon. In 1955 and 1956, as a First Lieutenant, he had been a member of the original Academy cadre at Lowry Air Force Base, serving as Aide to the Dean off the Faculty.

### **UPCOMING DATES 2014/2015:**

1 Aug 14	March back from Jacks Valley (7:30 am)
2 Aug 14	Session 3 ends. Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm
4 Aug 14	Laptops Issued
5 Aug 14	Freshman E-mail should be up on e-mail
5 Aug 14	Acceptance Parade (9:00 am) Stillman Field
13 Aug	New Semester Classes Start
29 Aug – 1 Sept	Parents Weekend. See link for last year’s info.
19 Sep 14	Air Force Birthday Ball (Class of 2018)
31 Oct 14	Halloween Dance (Optional all classes)
25 Nov – 30 Nov	Thanksgiving Break LMD. Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 30 Nov 14
15 – 19 Dec 14	Finals
20 Dec – 4 Jan 15	Winter Break Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 4 Jan 15
20 Mar - 29 Mar 15	Spring Break (Last Military Duty [LMD]). Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 29 Mar 15
11-15 May 15	Finals
28 May 15	2015 Graduation

### **CLASS OF 2018 CADET LAPTOP COMPUTER ISSUE**

**Issue Date: Monday, 4 August 2014**

#### **Specifications:**

- Fujitsu T734 tablet computer
- Intel® 4th gen Core™ i5-4300M
- 8GB DDR3 1600 MHz 2x4GB
- 256 GB Solid State Drive (SSD) + 500GB external USB 3.0 drive
- 12.5" HD LED backlit, 1366x768, multi-touch screen
- DVD+/-RW
- Port replicator with 2<sup>nd</sup> power charger
- Integrated camera
- Smart Card Reader
- CD Bay battery
- Integrated 10/100/1000 Ethernet
- Wireless 802.11a/b/g/n + Bluetooth v4.0
- External Mouse and Keyboard
- 4 years parts-only warranty (includes both batteries)

#### **Costs:**

- \$1,940 For all the above, including the 4 year warranty on parts
- \$ 94 Accessories (Wenger Legacy backpack, Kensington lock, network cable, power strip)
- \$2,074 Approximate total cost with 2% AAFES fee

**Software Pre-Loaded:**

- Windows 7 64-bit Enterprise with all Fujitsu tablet drivers
- Office 2010, McAfee Anti-Virus, Raptor, VBrick, ...
- USAFA licensed software for classes (e.g. SolidWorks, MatLab, Mathematica)
- Software costs approximately \$160/cadet and is charged in fall

**Items Not Included:**

- Personal printer (inkjet or laser with USB 2.0 cable) – \$60 - \$200
- 19"-24" flat panel for their rooms (VGA, HDMI, or display port) - \$100 - \$300
- These items make good gifts for parents or grandparents to buy them over Parents' Weekend.

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There are some exceptions for long names, e.g. Christopher shortened to Chris

**Common Computer Issues and Questions:**

- **When can I email the new cadets?** Please wait until 6 August to email them.
- **Why tablet computers?** – The selection committee decided the pedagogical reasons for tablets outweighed the increased cost and weight. The tablet can be used for taking hand-written notes in class, including math formulas, drawings, diagrams, etc.
- **Can upperclass cadets buy the same computer?** Yes, they need to email Larry Bryant before 10 July, so one can be delivered on 4 Aug for them.
- **Printers** are not included in the computer purchase for several reasons:
  - It is a "personal preference" item – some want cheap black and white, while others want high-quality photo printers.
  - They are not necessary, since we provide squadron printers.
  - They make good gifts for parents and grandparents.
- We teach "**computer ethics**" in Comp Sci 110 to convince cadets that certain common practices done in high school (e.g. illegally copying music or movies) are no longer acceptable and are punishable.

Cadet computer Issue POC is Larry Bryant at 719-333-3994 or email [larry.bryant@usafa.edu](mailto:larry.bryant@usafa.edu).

**AAFES FLOWER SHOP:** Petals & Blooms is the only flower shop on The Air Force Academy with access to the cadet area. We have had the honor of serving the cadets for the last 7 years and know how important the milestones are in the cadets experience. We are gearing up for Acceptance Day, August 5th and would like to let you know we are putting together munchies baskets for the event. We are a full service flower shop with cut floral arrangements, plants, gift baskets with your choice of fruits, snacks or baked goods, balloons and stuffed animals. Thank you for your support of our shop and we look forward to serving you for years to come. Kindly, DeNyse/Owner Petals & Blooms (719)-472-8589 [petalsnblooms.com](http://petalsnblooms.com).

**Helpful Websites:**

**Preparatory School Information:** You can also contact Mark Winter at (719) 333-2583, [mark.winter@usafa.edu](mailto:mark.winter@usafa.edu)

<http://www.usafa.edu> Look under Prep School link at top right (7th tab)

**Academic Calendar website: (2014/2015 calendar)**

<http://www.usafa.af.mil/academics/calendar.asp>.

**Curriculum Handbook** (which also outlines what summer programs are available for cadets in what year):

<http://www.usafa.edu/df/data/CHB2012-2013.pdf>

**Cadet Clubs** (just a listing of clubs and POCs, not a schedule of where they may be):

<http://www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetClubs/>

**Admissions:** (parents can help us recruit future cadets):

<http://www.academyadmissions.com/>

**Sports Schedules:**

<http://www.goairforcefalcons.com/calendar/events/>

**Association of Graduates and USAFA Endowment:**

<http://www.usafa.org/>

### **PREP SCHOOL INFORMATION:**

Below is the Point of Contact for questions for our Prep School Candidate parents.

Contact Mark Winter at (719) 333-2583, [mark.winter@usafa.edu](mailto:mark.winter@usafa.edu) and the USAFA website below

<http://www.usafa.edu> Look under Prep School link at top right (7th tab)

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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